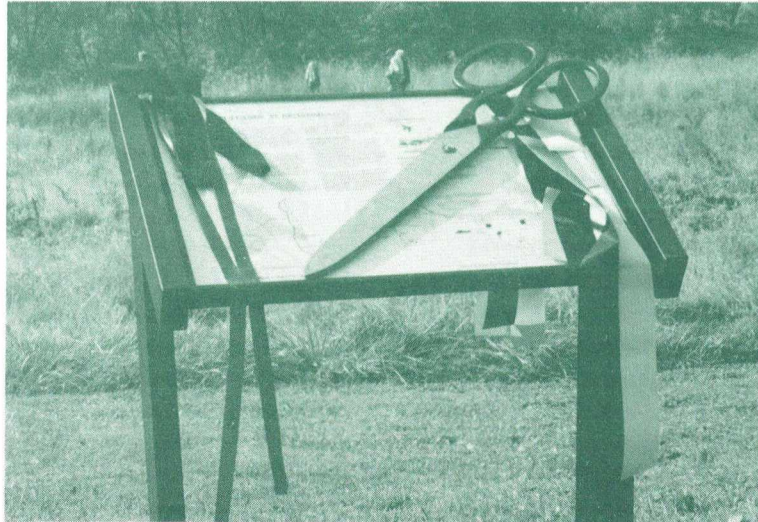


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WETLANDS PROJECT COMPLETE

The State Highway Administration's celebration of the completion of the Broadmead Wetlands Project was held on Papaw Lane at 11 a.m. on October 19, 1994. It featured the unveiling of an interpretive sign that will serve as a wetlands guide; brief talks by Charles Harrison, SHA district engineer, and Richard Compton, Executive Director of Broadmead; cutting ceremonial ribbons; and a walk through the wetlands by many of our Residents and visitors.

The speakers praised the cooperation of a public agency and a private, non-profit Retirement facility in mitigating wetlands loss when Warren Road was extended to I-83. They pointed to the unique design of this wetlands with its 30-foot grassy walk, its 60-foot pedestrian bridge, and its wildflower meadow. They mentioned expected ecological benefits such as filtering Bay-bound water and supporting threatened plants and animals.

Visitors included personnel from Biohabitat, Inc., environmental consultants; Ecological Restoration and Management, Inc., planting division, who headed the Project; the

engineers and inspectors, and Karen Coffman who worked with Broadmead Residents to design the sign.

During the walk, Todd Nichols and others shared facts about this wetlands and its possibilities:

- more than 6,000 shrubs, trees, and emergent herbaceous plants were planted;

- this summer, ERM completed all planting by replacing dead trees with 279 trees adapted to saturated soil;

- interesting opportunities exist to watch for frogs and salamanders and new species of birds and to note the Wetlands' natural progression from an emergent meadow to a scrub-shrub forested wetlands ecosystem.

Despite drouths and flood ravage, SHA considers this project successful and estimates that it will take 300 to 400 years for it to silt back to flood plain. Its design will be changed by Nature, developments upstream, pest plants, such animals as deer, and creative uses by Residents as the new young forest grows.

In the spring of 1995, SHA will give Broadmead Residents and staff a brochure on use and maintenance to help them gain the most benefits from our Wetlands.

Broadmead Welcomes . . .

by Betsy Griffin

LYNN (Beck) BUCK

K-10 771-0916 October 1994

Lynn is a St. Louis native who attended Lindenwood College and Washington University where she earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in English and a doctorate at the State University of New York at Stonybrook. She became a college professor of English and humanities at her Alma Mater, Lindenwood, and after the death of her first husband (Dwight Dillon, a silversmith), she became an assistant professor at Stonybrook and then Southampton College on Long Island. It was here that she began her 18-year friendship with our Resident, Thelma Becherer. Lynn then spent 13 years at Suffolk Community College where she founded the Women's Studies Program.

Lynn has a daughter in Florida and two cats with her at Broadmead. She is a published writer and poet and is currently working on a novel. She has many varied interests including the environment, bird watching, photography, and women's issues. She has served as President of the National Organization for Women, done court monitoring for them, and been part of a legal task force to provide reliable legal aid for women. She expects to continue her poetry and fiction writing from her apartment.

Anna (Morlan) COX (Mrs. Lenley)

SR-101 584-7054 October 1994

Anna was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio, attended a Friends boarding school and Ohio Northern College, and taught school in Ohio before her marriage and move to Silver Spring, Md. She has a son and two grandchildren living in the Baltimore area, so was pleased to find a home near them after the recent death of her husband. She enjoys needlework, her many Quaker friends, and people in general.

JEANNETTE CABEEN and

PRISCILLA (Cabeen) HOWARD

P-5 527-0797 October, 1994

Jeannette and Priscilla are natives of Massachusetts, though they have lived in Baltimore since the 1940s. Jeannette studied at Sarah Lawrence College and earned a bachelor's degree in library science at Simmons College in Boston and a master's in economics at Boston University. She worked briefly at the Harvard Business School before beginning her 40-year career in cataloging at the Johns Hopkins University Library.

Priscilla attended Westbrook College in Maine and served as a lab technician and secretary in various doctors' offices in Massachusetts. After a brief marriage, she moved to Baltimore with her sister and worked as a biochemist for several doctors here, working with many South American patients.

The Cabeen sisters are world travelers and lead an active life attending lectures, concerts, and Center Stage. They volunteer at Cylburn, are bird watchers, are active members of the League of Women Voters, and at their Unitarian church. They express interest in our greenhouse and expect to work with the upcoming Charles Village Christmas House Tour.

EMILY (Kemp) SCHLESINGER

L-17 527-1179 October 1994

Emily comes to Broadmead from Wilmington, Delaware, though she lived most of her life in the home in which she was born, in Relay, Maryland. After earning a bachelor's degree at Goucher College and a master's at Mt. Holyoke, she married and raised four children without the help of her late doctor-husband, a war casualty. One of her daughters lives in Seattle, another in Bel Air, Md., a son in Pittsburgh, and another in Germany. She has six grandchildren. In addition to full-time homemaking, Emily had a 20-year career as a technical writer/editor for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company engineers and

linesmen. With the advent of nuclear energy, she transferred to the Quality Assurance Department. She is a graduate of the Peabody Preparatory School and has continued to play the piano.

After retirement, Emily moved to Media, Pennsylvania, to be near her daughter; subsequently to Wilmington, Delaware where she became active with a senior group called "The Academy of Lifelong Learning" which offered a variety of programs for those over 55. She is an accomplished musician, having played chamber music and accompanied other musicians. She was active in the Wilmington chapter of H.A.U.W., working with their used-book sale. Music, poetry, walking, and genealogy are among her many interests.

APARTMENT CHANGES

Helen Peterman T-316 to SR-310
Kathleen Rath T-371 to T-306

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In Memoriam

FRANCES B. BAGBY

March 2, 1907 - - November 16, 1994

MARY HARDY

December 12, 1897--October 23, 1994

GOUCHER DANCERS IN ACTION HERE

by Peggy Brian

Goucher dancers feature a modern repertoire of ballet, modern, and historic dance and are noted for their vitality, verve and high energy. Having performed throughout Maryland, Virginia, and Ohio in programs designed specifically to suit the interests of their audiences, these dancers have earned a reputation for excellence and versatility. They will perform some original works by Balanchine, Graney, and Clifford. Don't miss this outstanding group!

TIME AFTER TIME JAZZ GROUP

A large audience responded with enthusiasm to the syncopated beat of a jazz quintet, hot music to warm body and soul on a wet mid-autumn afternoon. Actually, these enthusiastic musicians began as a quartet awaiting the late arrival of a delayed trumpeter.

The complete jazz group consisted of piano, saxophone, trumpet, double bass, and drums. The pianist also sang popular and mostly familiar songs in a rich tenor, sometimes with Jim Sherry, the trumpet player.

During the course of the concert, Jim Sherry traced the history of jazz from its lowly ragtime beginnings to the present. Born in the U. S. and raised everywhere, jazz has reached maturity, a standing in the diverse family of musical composition which defies Elson's rather haughty disdain of ragtime in the early 20th-century Book of Musical Knowledge.

The dozen songs not only documented the development of jazz through the years but also generated a happy nostalgia among the audience. Broadmead hopes that more of this toe-tapping combo is in its future! --B-flat

Happy New Year!

It's not too soon to plan to join your fellow Residents for a grand party in the Lower Lounge on New Year's Eve. Watch for an invitation in your box!

The whole place is buzzing about the
Employee Craft Fair

Wednesday, December 7

10:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m.

in the Auditorium

**Don't get stung by missing it!
Something for everyone**





Let me put it to you this way: 

MOVIES ON TUESDAYS AT SEVEN by Augusta Shackford

12/6 MAN WITHOUT A FACE - 1994
115 min.

Mel Gibson & Nick Stahl.

The story of a lonely 12-year-old boy struggling to pass the entrance exam to a military school, his father's alma mater. He is helped by the village outcast, a physically scarred but wise ex-teacher, who became his mentor.

12/13 ADAM'S RIB - 1949 100 min.
Spenser Tracy, Katherine Hepburn, Judy Holliday

Sophisticated comedy about the battle of the sexes - about husband and wife lawyers on opposing sides of a murder case.

12/20 THE PAPER - 1994 112 min.
Michael Keaton, Glenn Close
Stress and strain inside a City Room. A belabored metro editor trying to get a "scoop" on the same day numerous other deals are going on in his life. Humor as well.

12/27 BLACK BEAUTY - 1994 88 min.
Classic tale of an incredible horse. 19th Century England with both good and bad horse owners. Lush English countryside plus the streets of London. This "sleeper" should please most all.

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NOVEL THEOLOGY

On Monday, December 5, 11:00 a.m. in the Auditorium, The Reverend Carl N. Edwards will review

PERELANDRA - by C. S. Lewis.

The novels chosen provide a thoughtful reflection on the religious dimension of human experience.

All interested are invited to come.

Kathaleen Kennedy; Elsa Lundgren,
Coordinators

THURSDAY OPEN FORUMS 10:30 a.m.

12/1 Merrimon Cuninggim
"A Present Tinderbox:
Politics and Religion"
Among other honors, Dr. Cuninggim was formerly Dean, School of Theology, Southern Methodist University; President, Danforth Foundation; and author of books and articles on higher education and religion.

12/8 Thomas Goedeke and
Merrimon Cuninggim
Review and Discussion of
issues raised by recent Open
Forum speakers.
Doctor Goedeke was Superintendent of Schools, Howard County, for 16 years.

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SATURDAY PROGRAM OFFERINGS

By Dee Whiteford, Chairman
General Program Committee

Saturday, December 3 -- 7:15 p.m.

Goucher College Dance Troupe
Classical ballet and modern dance.
The Dance Department became a part
of the curriculum at Goucher over
30 years ago.

Saturday, December 17 - 7:15 p.m.

Susan Gordon, professional storyteller. Many Residents will remember Susan's very popular performance last January which brought us out of the mid-winter doldrums during the cold weather.

ONE - TWO - THREE - FOUR . . .

By Paula Balser

Exercise classes will begin on January 3 and 5 (8:30--9:30 a.m.) and each Tuesday and Thursday for six months. Classes will be paid for by the Residents Association unless numbers fall too low--in which event individuals will be asked to pay.

On Tuesday, December 13, Jill Williamson of the Towson YMCA will talk about classes and arthritic exercises at 10:30 in the Auditorium.

Residents requesting chair exercises should join Hallowell classes on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. The special exercise teacher can suggest appropriate exercises.

Volunteers are needed to escort Taylor Residents in walking for fitness--good for you, too! Consult Kathaleen Kennedy or Paula Balser.

Woody Powell stressed need to exercise for improved quality of life and to enjoy our movements, stretching and breathing deeply, walking on land or in the pool. "Just keep moving," he advised.

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DR. RICHARD PRICE LISTS BOOKS

by Jean R. Moser

The Committee on Continuing Education has received the following list in anticipation of the series of five Wednesday lectures January 4th through February 8th:

Doign: The House of Sky, English Creek, and Dancing at the Rascals Ball; Undsets: Kristin Larvrans-dotter; Lindbergh: The Gift from the Sea. Classic children's books --Charlotte's Web, Black Beauty, King Arthur's Round Table, Little Women, To Kill a Mockingbird, and Lost Horizons. Additionally, selections from favorite poets and recent literary works will be discussed. You may wish to begin your reading! Registration forms were put in letterboxes after Thanksgiving.

NEXT MONTH--

John De Hoff, M.D., writes about recent research on cholesterol.

Open Forum



CAN WE AFFORD A FREE PRESS?

[Open Forum, November 10th]

By Whitty Cuninggim

Not surprisingly, Sara Engram, Editorial Page Director of The Evening Sun, concluded, "I think we cannot afford NOT to have a free press."

In a lively talk to Broadmeaders she gave historical and constitutional backgrounds to the subject. Wishing to avoid censorship as experienced by the British press, our founding fathers took the risk of insuring constitutional protection to the publishing business in the Bill of Rights. Thomas Jefferson summed it up: "The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." That guarantee allows a check on the three branches of government, as was demonstrated during the Watergate scandal and the Vietnam debate. Far from being a lapdog, the press more often plays the role of watchdog, or cynic.

Ms. Engram was careful to state that freedom of expression has its price. It does not guarantee a responsible press, or the absence of mediocrity. She believes the Pulitzer Prizes have helped to increase the standards of professionalism, and noted the category for explanatory journalism among those prizes.

She agrees with a colleague who judges newspapers by the quality of three pages. "The front page gives him some idea of the seriousness and depth of the news coverage. The editorial pages show whether the paper has principles and is committed to vigorous community debate. And the third page he looks at is the obituary page, to see whether the paper cares enough about its

community to preserve an institutional and civic memory."

The speaker discussed the balance which good newspapers try to maintain: liveliness vs. reasoned advisories for elections; entertainment vs. accurate reporting; attracting advertisers, upon which fiscal health depends, vs. independent editorials. The Baltimore Sun and Evening Sun constantly work on good writing, responsible reporting of news, improvement of graphics and general appearance, and printing letters with opposing points of view.

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A DOCTOR'S HELP IN DYING--

PROS AND CONS

By Ralph White

. . . endorsed by others

"If I were in a seriously painful and incurable condition, and urgently asked my doctor to help me in dying, I hope that by then he would be legally permitted (not required) to do it."

In December, Broadmead residents will be invited to add their signatures to a statement like this one.

ARGUMENTS FOR IT:

Self-interest. Hardly anyone, thinking of it realistically, would want to be in a situation of intractable, incurable, unending pain.

Compassion. Few would want to inflict such pain on others.

Freedom. The proposed law would enhance the freedom of both patient and physician.

Respect for Law. Humane physicians occasionally help a suffering patient in this way now--but secretly, knowing they are breaking the law. The need for this promotes deception; it exposes humane doctors to an unfair risk, and it must undermine respect for all law.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST IT:

(Skeptical questions are asked in parentheses.)

Tradition. All states except Oregon now have laws against it. (But can't we have laws that distinguish between rational and irrational suicide?)

A Slippery Slope. It would put us on a slippery slope leading to a large increase in irrational forms of suicide. (But isn't there a radical difference between incurable pain and the depression in which many other suicides occur?)

Euthanasia. Euthanasia verges on murder. It is deciding for someone else that the time has come for that person to die. (But this is not "euthanasia" in that sense. The patient makes the key decision.)

God's will. It is God's will that a person must die at a certain time. Human beings should not interfere with it. (But what about the commandment to "love thy neighbor?" Is it loving when, by law, we condemn a neighbor to incurable pain?)

A better alternative. Hospice methods of pain relief are now so effective that there is usually no need for help in dying. (This argument does not apply when pain is really intractable or when hospice methods are not available.)

There are, then, four strong arguments for physician help in dying, and five weak ones against it. We hope you decide to sign the statement on this in January.

--Franc Beck, Peggy Brian, Ruth Bristol, Merrimon Cuninggim, Whitty Cuninggim, Mal Gross, Martha Gross, George Hart, Lois Hart, Frank Hijikata, Alicia Legg, Sam Legg, Abraham Makofsky, Harry Patton, Ruth Plant.

WOLMAN on POPULATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Are we willing to make the effort to leave a viable planet for future generations?

We inhabit a dynamic environment, said M. Gordon Wolman, Prof. of Geography and Environmental Engineering at Johns Hopkins. Air, water, and even land are constantly changing, and everything we do affects those changes.

8000 years ago, everything we did affected the future world too, but only slightly. Population explosion and high energy technology means catastrophic changes are now possible.

Urbanization also leads to environmental problems. New York and London are no longer the world's largest cities. Most of the largest cities are now in the developing countries where pollution is controlled very little.

Graphs vividly show the effect of secondary school education on the fertility rate of females. Educated females have the lowest fertility

rates. Also, lower fertility rates result from economic betterment.

Due to pollution from man's activities the concentration of toxics in the air is now critical. Cadmium in the air is 20 times the "natural" amount, copper is 1 times, lead is 333 times. Species loss today is a thousand times faster than it was. How do we justify leaving such a depleted and poisoned world for our off-spring?

We must solve population and pollution problems so as to make possible an acceptable standard of living for everyone. We seem not to be heading in that direction.

We can even "save" the Chesapeake Bay, Professor Wolman says "if we keep working on it, and if we have the political will to continue the clean-up process." We must take a very long-range view. Wolman said politicians find it difficult to look beyond the next year or the next election. It will take a lot of pressure from the electorate to make the changes necessary to truly save our planet for future generations.--Lloyd Tyler

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